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EXDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR - MOSCOW, FOR SECRETARY - GENEVA

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VANCE/GROMYKO TALKS IN GENEVA

1. ON THE BASIS OF GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT YOU SEEK THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT WITH GROMYKO OR KORNIYENKO TO REVIEW AGENDA ARRANGEMENTS FOR VANCE/GROMYKO TALKS IN GENEVA.

2. THE SECRETARY WISHES TO LEAVE AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE ON HIS FIRST DAY IN GENEVA FOR PREPARATION. BOTH HE AND GROMYKO WILL BE PRESENT FOR 11:00 AM CEREMONY FOR SIGNATURE OF THE ENMOD TREATY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS EVENT -- CONSISTING OF REMARKS BY WALDHEIM, SIGNATURES BY 15-30 REPRESENTATIVES, A BRIEF RECEPTION, AND PERHAPS BRIEF

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REMARKS TO THE PRESS OUTSIDE THE SIGNING ROOM -- WILL LAST NO MORE THAN ONE HOUR. WE SUGGEST THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO PROCEED TO A NEARBY ROOM AND SIGN THE SPACE AGREEMENT EXTENSION THERE, AND THEN ADJOURN TO THE FOLLOWING DAY.

3. FYI: THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE BREAKFAST WITH WALDHEIM

FROM 8:00-9:00 AM MAY 19. END FYI. THE SECRETARY
ENVISAGES BEGINNING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GROMYKO
MID-MORNING, WITH THE EXACT TIME TO BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN
THEM WHEN THEY FIRST MEET ON THE 18TH.

4. THE SECRETARY SUGGESTS IT WOULD BE BEST TO BEGIN
DISCUSSIONS WITH SALT ON THE MORNING OF MAY 19 AND THEN
MOVE TO THE MIDDLE EAST, THEREBY ALLOWING TIME FOR BOTH
SIDES TO MULL OVER RESULTS OF FIRST EXCHANGES ON SALT.
(IF YOU ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY OVER PROPOSAL THAT DISCUSSIONS
BEGIN WITH SALT, PLEASE ADVISE.)

5. AS FOR LOCATION OF BILATERALS, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT
WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST THE FIRST SESSION. IF
SOVIETS EXPRESS PREFERENCE TO HOLD FIRST SESSION AT THEIR
MISSION, YOU MAY ACCEPT.

6. SECRETARY AND DOBRYNIN HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THE
DESIREABILITY OF AVOIDING PURELY CEREMONIAL SOCIAL FUNC-
TIONS. DOES GROMYKO ENVISAGE ANY WORKING MEALS? FYI:
THE SECRETARY HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT EVENING OF
MAY 18 BE KEPT FREE. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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